

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Highlights

### June News from the Board and Operations Manager

#### Condition of the Well

The well was constructed in 1984, and its viability is in question. The board had earlier received a proposal for a course of action from our well maintenance company, General Pump, and then requested a review of the proposal from independent groundwater geologist Richard Slade. Mr. Slade submitted his report and answered directors' questions at the 6/28 meeting. A revised proposal is now expected from General Pump.

#### Well Pump

On June 21, the well pump failed for the third month in a row. The board agreed with General Pump's recommendation to have the pump pulled above ground for inspection. On June 27th, DWP installed a meter and we began using city water.

#### Miscellaneous Items

- The USPS mailbox removed the mailbox from the property for repairs; it is expected to be back by the end of July.
- DWP inspected, cleaned and changed connectors to the transformers in Courts 14 and 15 at the end of May.
- The board appointed a committee to look into the feasibility of independently-operated electric car charging stations at the Green. □

*Monthly Highlights will return to its 4-page format with the August issue.*

### Board Approves Two Long-Awaited Contracts

*By Lucy Fried*

At its June meeting, the board approved a contract for arborist services with highly regarded Carlberg Associates and a new 7-year washers-dryers lease agreement with WASH Multifamily Laundry Systems (formerly WEB). Both had been in the works for many months, as Operations Manager Sherri Giles and directors worked to reach the best agreements possible while coping with persistent staff shortages.

#### WASH Lease

All the laundry rooms will receive new front-load washers and stack dryers. The new machines will not take quarters. Instead, users will pay with a credit or debit card, using a wireless system to be installed in the laundry rooms. The fees for washer and dryer loads remain the same. As with the old lease, VGOA will keep 50% of the laundry income and in addition receive a \$40,189 signing bonus. Residents will receive more information as the rollout of the new system approaches.

#### Arborist Contract

This contract begins in July with in-depth inspections of Courts 1, 2, and 3 as well as general inspections of the forest as a whole. By the end of February 2017, all courts will have received in-depth inspections and the forest as a whole will have been looked at 8 times. A report with recommendations for care and tree trimming will follow each monthly inspection. In addition, the new contract includes a much-needed inventory update of our trees, which will be plotted using GIS-based TreeWorks software on Google images and then available to anyone with Google Earth. The annual contract price is \$22,400, with an additional \$8800 for the inventory and initial evaluation spread over three years. □

### Award for VG's Consulting Horticulturist

Carol Bornstein, Village Green's consulting horticulturist, has just received a coveted award for Horticulturist of the Year, bestowed by the Southern California Horticultural Society on a person who makes a significant contribution to horticultural and botanical knowledge. As director of L.A.'s Natural History Museum's Nature Gardens, she oversees more than 600 native and nonnative plants designed to be habitat for wildlife. She co-authored the award-winning book, *California Native Plants for the Garden* and *Reimagining the California Lawn: Water-conserving Plants, Practices, and Designs*. This honor also acknowledges the many plants that she has introduced to the landscape industry. She has named 14 plants, several of which are growing in the Nature Gardens. □



## Public Security Report

May 15 – June 19, 2016

*Edited by Jeanne Gaignard*

Note: Security officers are instructed to document and notify management of all incidents.

**May 24 STOLEN PROPERTY. Court 3.**

Resident reported two bikes stolen from patio.

**May 29 FALLEN TREE. Court 2, 4:31 p.m.**

Numerous residents reported an elm tree had fallen very near a unit.

**June 2 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST. Ct. 9, 11:28 a.m.**

Security assisted a resident who had fallen. Paramedics took her to a hospital.

**June 2 ASSISTANCE REQUEST. Court 14, 1:00 p.m.**

A woman asked security to call LAPD and said a resident had slapped her in the face. She drove away before police arrived.

**June 4 STOLEN SCOOTER. Court 5, 8:30 a.m.**

A resident discovered his scooter had been stolen from his unlocked patio during the night.

**June 7 CAR BREAK-IN. West Circle, 5:29 p.m.**

While resident was voting in the Clubhouse, her car window was broken and a notebook taken.

**Jun 11 BICYCLE THEFT. Court 7, 7:04 a.m.** A resident reported two bicycles stolen from his patio overnight.

**Jun 14 POSSIBLE PROWLER. Court 8, 11:58 a.m.**

Security responded to resident report of a man who had jumped over their fence and was standing in their patio. The man said he was being chased and requested police assistance. Security escorted him from the property. When LAPD arrived, they interviewed him and allowed him to leave on a bus.

**Jun 18 STOLEN BICYCLE. East Circle, 12:30 a.m.**

A bicycle was reported stolen from a resident's patio.

**June 19 VANDALISM. Court 15, 7:25 a.m.**

A resident reported her patio lock was broken. Maintenance repaired the damage.

**June 19 BROKEN TREE BRANCH. Court 13, 3:25 p.m.**

A large tree branch fell directly in front of a Public Security officer; he was not injured. □

### Summertime Safety Reminders to ALL Village Green Residents

1. If you see or hear a crime in progress, call 911 immediately. Then call Public Security at 213-703-0540. For anything suspicious, call Public Security at 213-703-0540. Your action can make a difference.

2. Mosquito season is here. Help control the population by removing all standing water from your property.

## Upcoming Events

**VGOA Board of Directors**

**Monthly Meeting:** Tues, 6/28, Clubhouse.

**Homeowner Comments** period starts at 7:00 pm.



**Drinks on the Green, Sun., 7/24, 4-7 pm**

Please bring beverages and snacks to share. Lots of room for kids! Remind guests no dogs or smoking. Co-spons: Cultural Affairs Comm.

**Movies on the Green, Sat. 8/20,**

**8 pm.,** co-spons: Cultural Affairs Comm.



**Labor Day Concert with Jeffery Suttles Band, Mon. 9/5, 4-7pm, Central Green.**

### June Foot Beats

**Thurs. 7/7, 11 am:** Meet at Hauser/ Rodeo Place, walk west 1/3 of the Green.

**Tues. 7/12, 7 pm:** Meet at the office, walk central 1/3 of the Green.

**Wed. 7/20, 9 am:** Meet at the office, walk east 1/3 of the Green.

**Fri. 7/29, 10 am:** Meet at Hauser/ Coliseum, walk west 1/3 of the Green.

**Mon. 8/1, 7 pm:** Meet at office, walk central section of the Green.



Shoppers at the June Yard Sale

*Photo by Diann Dumas*